(b) and (c) Estimates of employment generated during the above period will be available after the results of the quinquennial survey 2004-05 by National Sample Survey Organisation are published.

Rehabilitation of rescued bonded labourers

985. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court in a recent judgement has expressed utter disappointment about the rehabilitation of the rescued bonded labourers and has directed Government to pay adequate attention thereto;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS **RAM** OLA): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 5.5.2004 in WP(C) No. 3922 of 1985, Public Union for Civil Liberties *Vs.* **State** of Tamil Nadu and others has expressed concern that adequate consideration is not given in rehabilitation and related aspects of bonded labour and *inter alia,* directed the States/UTs to submit status report on identification, release and rehabilitation of Bonded Labour to National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in the prescribed form, constitute Vigilance Committees at the District and Sub-Divisional levels in accordance with Section 13 of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 within a period of six months, chalk out a detailed plan for rehabilitation of released bonded labourers either by itself or with the involvement of organizations or NGOs having a good reputation with basic facilities for rehabilitation of these bonded labourers, make arrangements to sensities the District Magistrates and other authorities working for rehabilitation of Bonded Labour etc.

(c) The States/UTs have been requested to comply with the directions of the Supreme Court and submit status report on identification, release and rehabilitation of bonded labour to the NHRC on regular basis.